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## Kentucky Department of Corrections Offender Newsletter

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## Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation by Julie Wade

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### FOCUS FOR THIS ISSUE: EMPLOYMENT

### A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION



The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) assists Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence. The office employs approximately 140 rehabilitation counselors in over 50 offices covering all 120 counties in Kentucky. See the directory (see pages 6-8) to contact the office that covers the county where you will be residing or call (800) 372-7172 (V/tty) for more information.

#### Philosophy, Mission, and Values:

- ⇒ *We recognize and respect the contribution of all individuals as a necessary and vital part of a productive society.*
- ⇒ *To assist Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.*
- ⇒ *We value the rights, merit and dignity of all persons with disabilities and the opportunity to pursue employment as an important aspect of a full and a meaningful life.*

#### As it pertains to ex-offenders:

Over the last several years OVR has realized many of the individuals eligible for services also have a criminal history. Although we have always had some individuals with criminal backgrounds, the number of cases has grown as well as awareness within the agency of how best to help these individuals. We have worked hard to train our staff on such things as cover letters, different mock interview skills and job readiness to best help these individuals. We have also worked hard and are continuing to work hard to educate employers and find more employers willing to hire returning offenders. We have staff on reentry task forces around the state and work with other agencies to collaborate to best serve our consumers.

Offices are located throughout the state and an OVR counselor is assigned to every county. For more information visit our website at [OVR.KY.GOV](http://OVR.KY.GOV) or write the district office (see pages 6-8) that covers the county where you will be residing.

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## Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation continued

### Consumer Services

OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services needed to reach your vocational goal.

- Assessment to determine eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs
- Counseling and guidance
- Vocational and other training services
- Supported employment
- Personal assistance services
- Interpreter and note taking services
- Telecommunication, sensory, and other technological aids and devices
- Rehabilitation technology
- Job placement and job retention services
- Employment follow-up and post-employment services

### Employer Services

OVR assists businesses in hiring, developing and keeping valued employees. We provide an array of services at no cost.

- Pre-screening of applicants based on essential job requirements
- On-site job trainer and support services
- Job restructuring/work site adjustment
- Accessibility survey of complete work site
- Assistive technology; devices and specialized equipment
- Follow-up services

**Eligibility: An OVR counselor will perform an assessment to determine eligibility for services. Once eligibility is determined, the counselor's role is to provide information, resources, guidance and counseling, and choices related to an individual's strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, capacities and abilities so the individual can prepare for and enter a job.**

## Lexington's Jubilee Jobs Center

By Guy Alexander Huguelet III

**Lexington Kentucky is “stepping up to the plate” with difficult to place individuals. Jubilee Jobs of Lexington is a non-profit job placement organization that specializes in finding entry-level jobs for the underemployed and unemployed.**

**Jubilee Jobs conducts an orientation every Monday at 9:00 a.m. at the offices located at 1450 North Broadway. The first step in the program is learning that *“there is nothing in your past that can keep you from a productive and hope-filled future.”* After the initial orientation session, those that wish to participate must commit to a 7-step process which includes the following:**

- **Individual appointments with a job counselor to evaluate job skills and specific circumstances.**
- **Small group workshops on interview preparation and conflict resolution.**
- **One-on-one résumé development.**
- **Pre-arranged interviews throughout the area with referrals provided.**
- **Constructive follow-up after each interview.**
- **Applicants go on interviews set up by job counselors throughout the area until they hear the words, “You’re hired!”**

**We require the participants to sign an agreement stating that they will take any job offered to them through Jubilee Jobs and if they fail to follow up, miss a session, or don’t turn in the proper paperwork, they may return to the program. However, they will be required to go back to the beginning with the initial orientation session.**

**After the initial hire, Jubilee Jobs of Lexington will continue to provide structured support through job counselors and volunteers maintaining contact with employers and applicants in order to provide counseling and encouragement.**

**Our purpose is to find employment for people who need, want and have the ability to work.**

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For general questions or to request more information, please email or write to us:  
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**Jubilee Jobs of  
Lexington's  
motto is:**

**"Work for  
sustenance,  
dignity and  
hope." said  
Guy Huguelet**



## Most Frequently Asked Questions

**QUESTION:** Can I get a gun after I'm done with my parole?

**ANSWER:** No. After you've completed your term of parole, you can apply to have your civil rights restored at any probation and parole office- there are certain rights that you can get back, like the right to vote. However, you will not get the right to own a firearm, unless you receive a full pardon.

**QUESTION:** Can I parole to my boyfriend's home out of state?

**ANSWER:** No, you can only parole out of state to a family member and that is no guarantee because the state does not have to accept you as a parolee.

**QUESTION:** "I am going to the Parole Board next month and I want you to submit my parole plan now."

**ANSWER:** HB 463 allows you to go to the parole board 60 days before your parole eligibility date. Due to that, parole plans are not entered until you have actually been granted parole. The only exception to that is if you are planning to parole out of state.

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**Let us know what  
you want to know  
about reentry.**

## **Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Directory**

*If you need information on programs, services or application process, please contact the following managers associated in the county you will be residing.*

### **Ashland**

**(606) 920-2338 (V/TTY)**

**Manager: Tom Combs**

**411 19th Street**

**Ashland, KY 41101**

**Counties: Bracken, Robertson, Mason, Fleming, Lewis, Bath, Greenup, Carter, Rowan, Boyd**

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### **Bowling Green**

**(270) 746-7489**

**Manager: Jim Wallace**

**(800) 443-6055 (Toll free)**

**(800) 246-6193 (TTY)**

**955 Fairview Avenue Suite 100**

**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Counties: Butler, Logan, Simpson, Warren, Edmonson, Allen, Barren, Hart, Metcalfe, Monroe**

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### **Danville**

**(859) 239-7885 (V/TTY)**

**Manager: Ruth Dyer**

**(800) 795-8481 (Toll free)**

**3998 South Danville Bypass Suite 103**

**Danville, KY 40422-2529**

**Counties: Mercer, Boyle, Casey, Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, Pulaski, Lincoln, Garrard, Madison, Estill, Lee, Owsley, Rockcastle**

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### **Elizabethtown**

**(270) 766-5121 (V/TTY)**

**Manager: John Phillips**

**(866) 883-0001 (Toll free)**

**409 North Miles Street**

**Elizabethtown, KY 42701**

**Counties: Meade, Hardin, Bullitt, Larue, Nelson, Green, Marion, Taylor, Washington, Adair**

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### **Florence**

**(859) 371-9450**

**Manager: Ryan Henson**

**(859) 371-0803 (TTY)**

**(877) 371-9451 (Toll free)**

**8020 Veterans Memorial Drive Suite 100**

**Florence, KY 41042**

**Counties: Boone, Gallatin, Grant, Carroll, Trimble, Owen**

**Lexington****(859) 246-2185****(877) 246-2185 (Toll free)****301 East Main Street****Lexington, KY 40507****Counties: Fayette, Clark and Powell****Manager: Jonathan White**

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**Lexington - Bluegrass****(859) 246-2537****(888) 211-7276 (Toll free)****301 East Main Street Suite 1050****Lexington, KY 40507****Counties: Anderson, Fayette, Harrison, Bourbon, Scott, Franklin, Jessamine, Nicholas, Woodford****Manager: Brad Mills**

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**Fort Wright****(800) 440-2530 (V/TTY)****(859) 292-6513****1881 Dixie Highway****Fort Wright KY 41011****Counties: Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton****Manager: Carol Leonhart**

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**Madisonville****(270) 824-7549 (V/TTY)****(888) 640-2713 (Toll free)****1071 Thornberry Drive****Madisonville KY 42431****Counties: Hopkins, Caldwell, Crittenden, Christian, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg****Manager: Jan Offutt**

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**Middletown****(502) 254-3195 (V/TTY)****(866) 304-1958 (Toll free)****200 Juneau Drive Suite 200****Louisville, KY 40243****Counties: Jefferson, Shelby, Oldham, and Henry****Manager: Pat Selch**

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**Owensboro****(888) 640-2811 (Toll free)****(800) 241-5821 (TTY)****121 East Second Street Suite 7****Owensboro, KY 42303****Counties: Henderson, Union, Webster, Daviess, Mclean, Ohio, Hancock, Breckinridge, Grayson****Manager: Malinda Davis**

**Paducah****(270) 575-7304 (V/TTY)****416 South 6th Street****Paducah, KY 42003****Counties: Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Marshall, Livingston, Calloway, Lyon****Manager: Lisa Adams****West Liberty****(606) 743-7978****800)440-2530 (V/TTY)****563B Main Street****West Liberty, KY 41472****Counties: Morgan, Menifee, Montgomery, Elliott, Lawrence, Magoffin, Wolfe, Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Pike, Knott, Breathitt****Manager: Tony Perry****Whitesburg****(606) 633-2568 (V/TTY)****415 Highway 2034 Suite C****Whitesburg, KY 41858****Counties: Jackson, Laurel, McCreary, Whitley, Knox, Clay, Bell, Leslie, Perry, Harlan, Letcher****Manager: Viva Anderson****Louisville****(502) 595-4173****(800) 456-3334 (Toll free)****(502) 595-3422 (TTY)****600 West Cedar Suite 2 East****Louisville, KY 40202****Counties: Jefferson, Shelby and Spencer****Manager: Greg Willett**